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Popular Comedienne Caroline Rhea will perform her infectious brand of comedy this Saturday at Spanos Theater on campus.

# Queen of comedy

*Comedienne Caroline Rhea answers questions about her comedy, love life and investment banking*

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Renowned television personality, movie star and comedienne. No matter what distinction is given to Caroline Rhea, the watchword remains: "funny."

Rhea has appeared on TV in such shows as "Sabrina, The Teenage Witch" and "Hollywood Squares." Her big-screen credits include roles in films like "Man on the Moon" and "Christmas with the Kranks." She is also the host of the hugely popular reality show "The Biggest Loser" on CBS.

Rhea will be performing her hilarious brand of comedy this Saturday, Oct. 13 in the intimate Spanos Theatre. Showtime is slated for 8 p.m.

Rhea spoke about performing in smaller venues, such as

the 500-seat Spanos Theater, in comparison to larger ones.

"Even if it's 500 people, I like when I can see everybody and we can chat," Rhea said. "I like the feeling of everybody being included."

She said that a smaller audience offers more of an opportunity for crowd participation.

"My show is completely interactive," Rhea said. "This is my audience and I want to know who they are and what we all have in common."

Rhea spoke about her conversational style of comedy. She said that she often takes advantage of otherwise overlooked opportunities.

"I think that as a female comedian, you get to voice a lot of things that people won't necessarily say, but you know they are thinking," Rhea said.

Her opening act is a comedian by the name of Costaki Economopoulos. Rhea dished out the real scoop on both their working and personal relationship.

"Costaki is very funny," Rhea said. "We've been working together for about four years."

After a brief pause, Rhea threw in the inevitable juicy twist.

"We're also boyfriend and girlfriend," she said.

As for her favorite male and female comedian, Rhea didn't hesitate to name who topped her list.

"For my favorite female comedian, I always wanted to be Carol Burnette," Rhea replied, "and for favorite male comedian, I wanted to

be Johnny Carson."

When asked who had the biggest influence over her comedy style while still an up-and-comer, Rhea gave a surprisingly candid response.

"Truly, it's my mother," Rhea responded. "My mother is really funny; she's got a great sense of humor and she's also the smartest person I know."

One last hypothetical question was posed to Rhea. When asked if she were to wake up tomorrow morning and was no longer allowed to be a comedienne, she said she'd choose investment banking.

"I had an economics minor in college," Rhea said, "so I'd be an investment banker because I like teaching people how to save money."

"I'm completely self-taught and I'm pretty good at it."

Rhea's comedy career began nearly two decades ago in New York City. Having cut her comedic teeth at New York's Catch a Rising Star comedy club and advancing to such venues as "Caroline's Comedy Hour" and "Comic Strip Live," Rhea's career has flourished ever since.

Lisa Woske, public affairs coordinator for Cal Poly Arts, spoke of Rhea's upcoming appearance. "She is going to come on stage and give the audience a great show."

Tickets for Caroline Rhea are currently on sale at the Performing Arts Center box office located on Grand Avenue. Tickets will also be available at the Spanos Theatre box office the night of the performance. Ticket prices are \$28 for the general public and \$22 for Cal Poly students.

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# Regrettably star-struck

*Indie pop band The Stars' latest  
is an album hipsters hate to love*



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The Stars' new album, "In Our Bedroom After the War," proves to be an addictive album for the emotionally immature.

I don't usually have guilty pleasures. Mainly because I really don't feel guilty about the types of pleasure I get from certain types of music. Club jams, marathon listenings to old Third Eye Blind albums, Puff Daddy. I love these things alongside most of the hipster bullshit that gives this column its name. That being said, I really feel insanely guilty about liking the Stars and their new album "In Our Bedroom After the War" as much as I do. The Stars definitely come off as the Diet Coke of the Broken Social Scene family. They are to shoegaze music what Peet's Coffee and Tea is to coffee (you know, coffee for people who don't like coffee). In addition, the songs definitely come from the emotional perspective of a lusty 17 year-old girl skipping out from her parent's house to a frat party. And to be really honest, there's just not much difference musically between this album and the last Stars album "Set Yourself on Fire." The only real difference is that the lyrical focus has shifted from the break-up of relationships to bar hookups.

Even with that laundry list of reasons why I want to not like this album, I have listened to it nearly every day since it leaked out to the Internet three months ago. My relationship with this album very strongly echoes the relationship of a middle schooler discovering masturbation or something along those lines. As much as I feel guilty, I can't resist listening to this album constantly.

My main grapple with this album comes from the fact that my loving it definitely seems to say something about me. Does it mean I'm really into lusty 17 year-old girls or does it really mean that I seriously have that level of emotional maturity? I think the latter is the honest-to-God truth. The opening of "The Night Starts Here" shoots jolts of electricity down my spine as Amy Milan sings "The night starts here / Forget your name, forget your fear" with the vocal delivery of a girl set on letting her Friday night take her on whatever wild emotional rollercoaster it chooses and not regretting it in the morning. Or what about the conflict about sexual debauchery that runs through "Take Me to the Riot" when she

sexually whispers, "Come closer / you see me / the face that is used to telling lies" before Torquil Campbell kicks in yelling, "Take me to the riot!"

The whole album suffers from this sort of lack of subtlety. It's definitely the type of album that a kinda quirky, slightly "indie" sensitive boy puts on when he takes you to his room for a late-night tryst. In fact, it is THE album to use for that this year. Arguing that you are into it for any other

reason (musical quality, for example) falls somewhere in the realm of arguing that condoms can make really good water balloons. Yes, they can make water balloons, but really balloons are just a crapload better for that and condoms definitely have a singular purpose.

Many people might not view most of these things as problems.

And in truth, I think that half of the people I know will really love this album and call it one of their favorites this year and I think the other half will pick up on everything I said in this review as a good reason to hate it. Truthfully, I don't think either opinion is wrong. But here's a quick few questions to tell you if you should pick up this album:

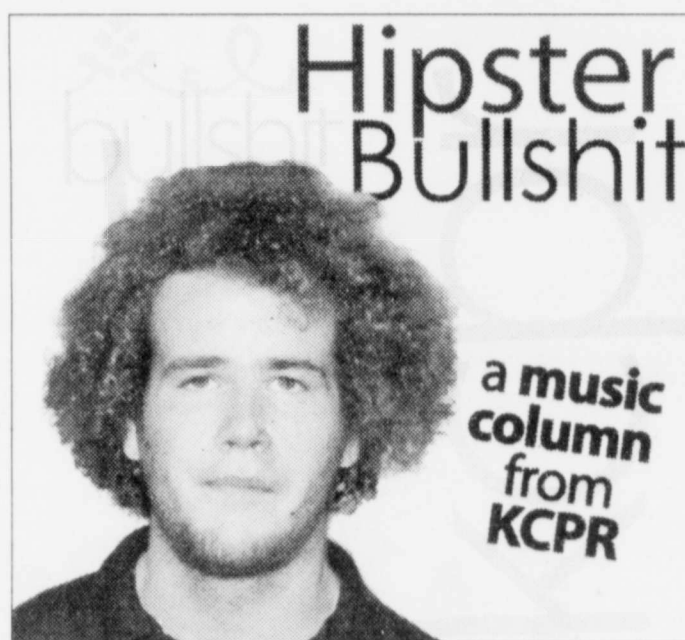
At any point have you generally acknowledged "Garden State" as "the best movie ever?"

Were you really into Weezer, especially the album Pinkerton, in high school?

Did you at any point take a date to a Death Cab for Cutie or Bright Eyes concert?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, you most likely will be a Stars fan. You have an odd desire to develop a strong and emotional personal connection to music. You maybe should have grown out of it in high school. But then again, who's to judge?

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## Dear Hollywood: Destruction of a classic

Alicia Wade

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Hollywood is set to commit a blasphemy suitable for only the most ruthless of industries — which is actually just Hollywood's style.

Will Smith announced last week he intends to direct the remake of the 1984 classic film "The Karate Kid," which is backed by his production company Overbrook Entertainment. According to IGN Movies, the project has been sent out to writers.

Seemingly attached to the project is Jackie Chan, who will replace Oscar-nominated Pat Morita, who received his nomination for his role of Mr. Miyagi, the philosophical and comedic karate trainer to main character Daniel Larusso in the original "Karate Kid."

Though it has been both confirmed and denied on several movie gossip Web sites, it is rumored Smith's son Jaden is set to take over the role of Larusso, originated by the baby-faced Ralph Macchio.

For the love of all that is right and good with the world Hollywood, do not destroy this 1980s classic with a modern remake.

Look at it this way, Hollywood: Do you honestly think the world will be half as impressed with the legendary crane kick, which consists of whoever performs the feared fictional move to look as though he or she is a goofball with both hands extended in the air and one leg raised as a threat?

Simply, no.

In an industry where CGI is all too

common and films are disregarded as tripe when they are not Academy Award caliber, the crane kick is the dinky, broken Tinkertoy to be laughed at next to fully functional robotics.

The original "Karate Kid" is all about family values and the lesson that even though someone knows how to fight, fists are rarely necessities. While there's no doubt notorious family-man and fun-lover Smith can translate these themes in his remake, it's questionable the film is even needed when a copy of the original sits on the Family Favorites shelf in the nearest movie-rental store.

The biggest fear after this announcement is the question of which 1980s movie will Hollywood tap next to be its latest remake?

Could it be "The Goonies" with a slew of worthless child actors who could never do the Truffle Shuffle quite like Chunk?

Or even worse, "The Breakfast Club" with Paris Hilton taking over where Molly Ringwald left off.

This call seems to be an easy one, Hollywood. Audiences know how you do things — if a movie makes a little money, expect at least three more similar to it.

For anyone who enjoys the nostalgia of watching a 1980s film, this move for a remake of "Karate Kid" has the opportunity to destroy every classic people hold dear with remake after remake after remake of films that never needed to be remade.

This prospect is horrifying for movie fans, Hollywood. Please, just don't do it.

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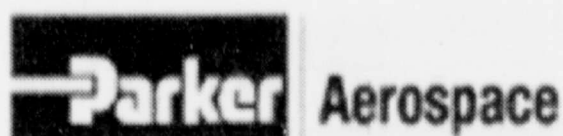
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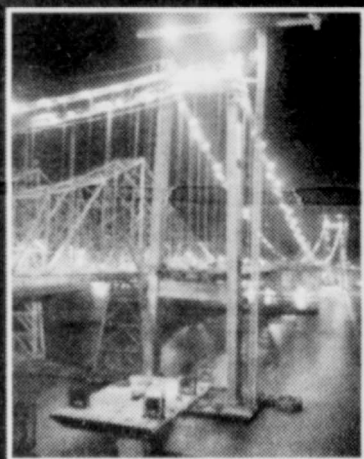


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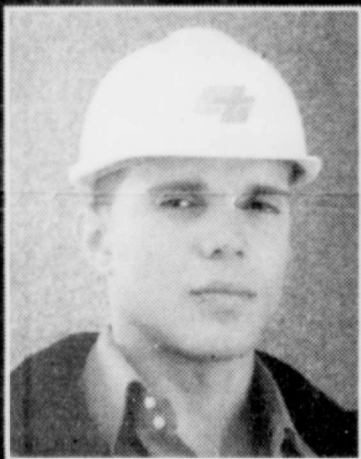
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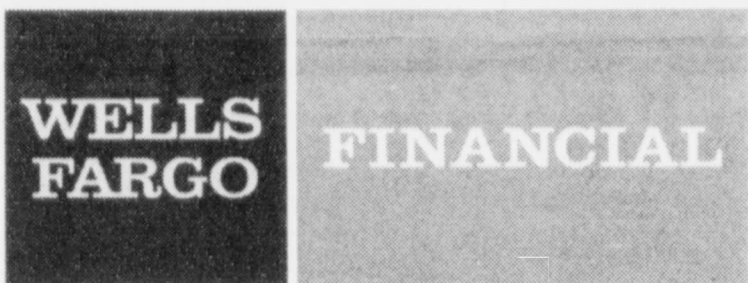
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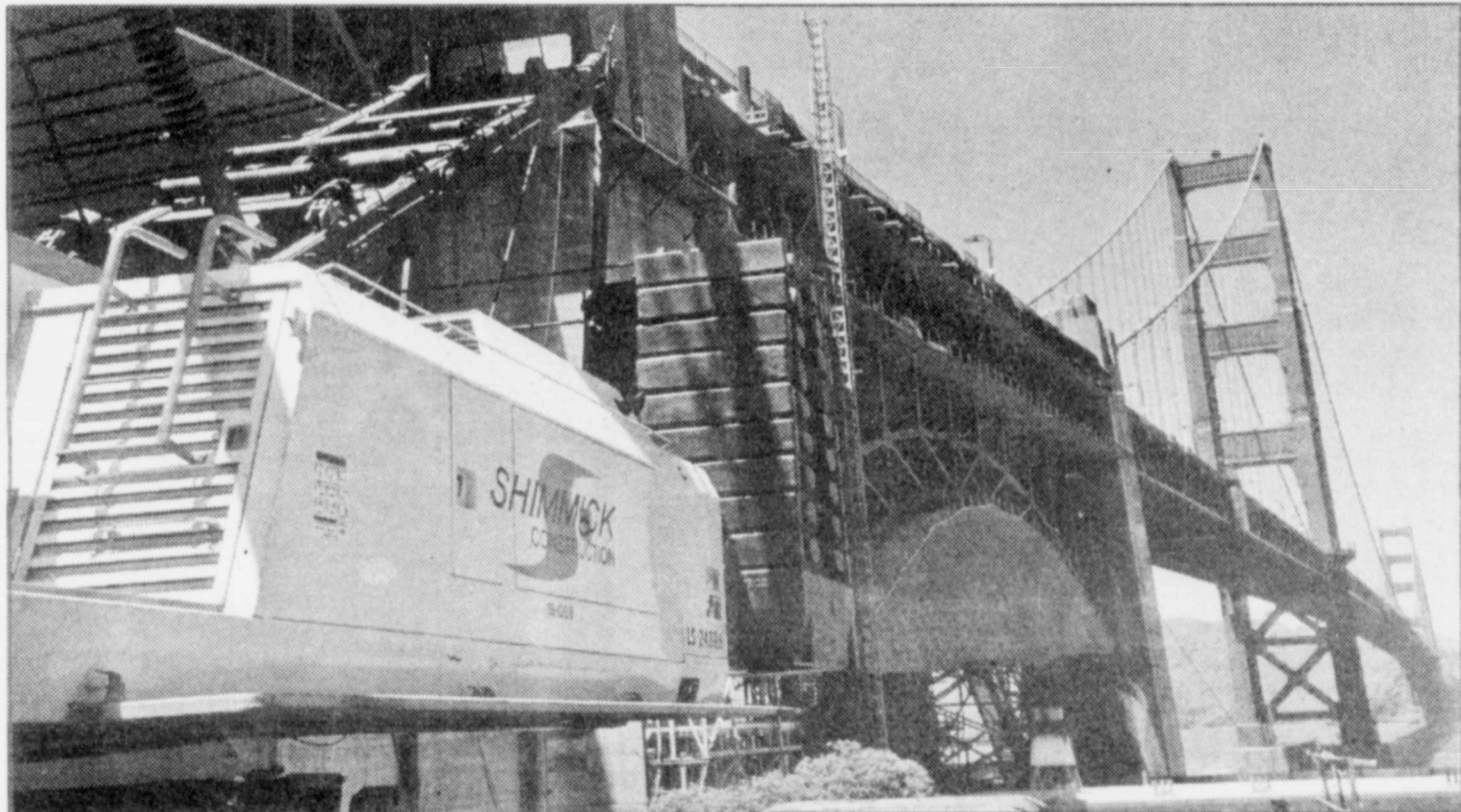
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professional management team, supported by dedicated and experienced field personnel to earn the trust that equates to over 200 public and private projects completed each year.

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### Solar Turbines Incorporated

Headquartered in San Diego, Calif., Solar Turbines Incorporated, a wholly owned subsidiary of Caterpillar Inc., is a leading manufacturer of industrial gas turbines with more than 11,800 units with over one billion operating hours in some 93 countries.

### Southern Wine & Spirits

Southern Wine & Spirits' history began decades ago in Florida. Founded by Harvey Chaplin, Southern Wine & Spirits of America, Inc. is a privately held alcohol beverage distributorship with its corporate office in Miami.

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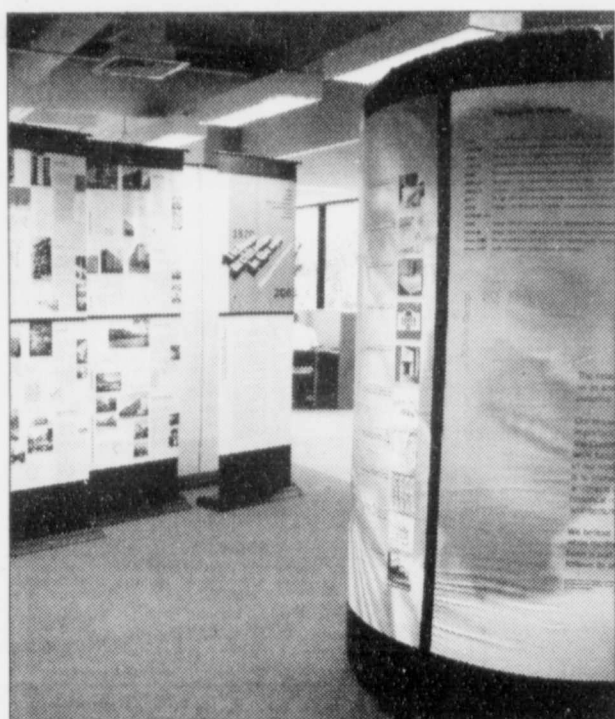
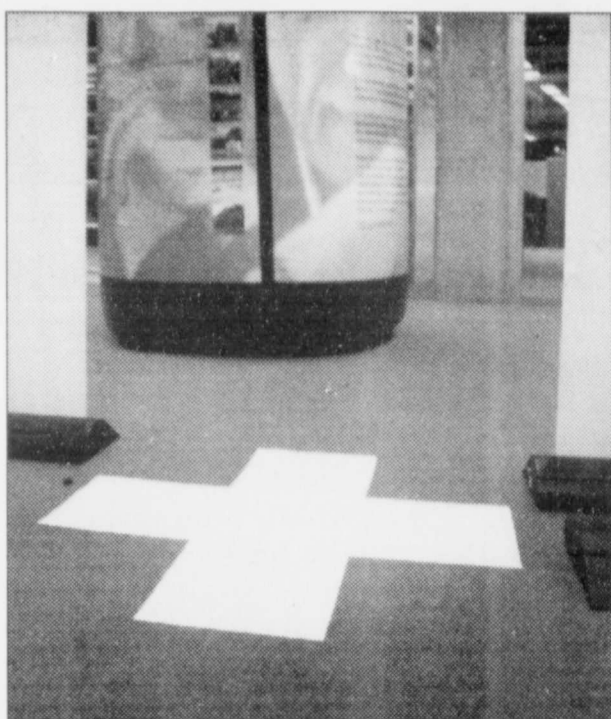
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"Ticinese Architecture in the World," an architectural design exhibit in the Gallery of the Commons on the second floor of the Cal Poly library.

# The art of architecture

Sara Wright

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A bright white cross in a sea of red marks the center of a display of elaborate images depicting monumental Swiss architectural design in the Cal Poly Robert E. Kennedy Library.

"Ticinese Architecture in the World: Milestones and Protagonists 1970-2003" is the name of the show on display in the Gallery of the Commons on the library's second floor. It is part of a worldwide traveling exhibition-making its way to universities across the nation.

Featured in the exhibit are drawings and photographs of works created by Ticinese architects, who hail from southern Switzerland. The architects, well-known throughout the country and beyond, include Mario Botta, Mario Campi, Aurelio Galfetti, Bruno Reichlin, Fabio Reinhardt, Flora Ruchat-Roncati, Luigi Snozzi and Livio Vacchini.

Contributions were also made to the exhibit by con-

temporary architectural scholars Kenneth Frampton, Jacques Gubler, Werner Oechslin and Roberto Masiero.

The display is comprised of 26 panels and two inflated cylinders, each of which includes an introduction, biographies of "protagonist" architects, and milestones in Swiss structural history. There is also a geographical panel showing locations of architectural works as well as a timeline panel.

The works presented in the show were both famous in Switzerland as well as commissioned within the nation and abroad.

The aim of the show is to educate people about the expressions of the Ticinese architectural movement to enhance its international reputation and to aid the understanding of how the movement has influenced architects around the world. Some of the structures include apartments, shops and gymnasiums.

"Swiss architecture has always sought a balance between tradition and innovation, between the essential and the exceptional," said Henri de Hahn, Cal Poly architecture

department head and professor.

"Beyond its formal minimalist attitude is more a consequence of a search for an economy of mediums, particularly in the Italian and German-speaking regions of Switzerland. We are pleased to encourage such formative voices within the profession."

The opening reception, sponsored by the Consulate General of Switzerland in San Francisco, was Sept. 24. The show runs until Friday, Oct. 12 and can be seen during regular library hours.

The exhibit is presented by Virginia Tech's College of Architecture and Urban Studies, the Virginia Tech Washington-Alexandria Architecture Consortium, and the Pro-Helvetia Arts Council of Switzerland. Sponsoring the exhibit are the library as well as the architecture department and the College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

Swiss architecture is particularly distinctive in its Romanesque style and is considered innovative and modern. Architecture holds a strong place in Swiss tradition.

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"It's a freakin' hermaphrodite! It's not quite a comma, but it's not quite a colon."

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# CGI: offering innovative global solutions when our government isn't

In a post-Sept. 11 world, people (especially Republicans) would want you to believe that terrorism is the greatest threat to global stability we have ever faced. But as we have seen from numerous studies, individuals have a better chance of drowning in their own bathtubs than dying from a terrorist attack.

Tragically, the most pressing world challenges we face today are often the ones least covered in the media and certainly by our own government. The issues I am referring to are global poverty, health and education. Every single day 30,000 people die because they can't afford food or medicine. Nearly three billion people live on less than \$2 a day and more than 330 million children can't afford to go to secondary school (sadly, most poor countries still charge a fee to attend school). It is our actions on these issues, not the "war on terror," that will determine global stability for generations to come. Consequently I can't help but get excited when I hear that innovative programs like the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) are moving ahead of our government on these serious global challenges.

For those unfamiliar with the CGI, every year since 2004 former President Bill Clinton has gathered heads of state, Nobel Peace Prize winners, billionaires and A-list celebrities in New York City. Upon arrival this diverse and energetic group of people spends the next three days unveiling their personal plans to address the main problems of global poverty, education and health.

While this probably sounds like another meaningless conference composed of more style than substance, the CGI is different because it uses stricter rules when evaluating its members, the most fundamental being you have to show real progress in your pledges to get invited back (Clinton didn't invite five participants this year). This might not seem like a big deal to you and me, but by making it a "cool club" for high-powered and highly motivated socialites, the initiative has been able to harness these people's incredible abilities and achieve real change around the world.

According to Clinton spokesman Ben Yarrow, more than 850,000 children under the age of five have received life-saving vaccinations and more than 3.2 million people in the developing world have gained ac-

cess to clean energy services since the first two conferences. From this year's pledges, which totaled more than \$4 billion, the CGI hopes to give 50 million people access to treatment for diseases and provide 8.5 million children a chance to go to school.

In addition to direct contributions, Clinton's initiative is also giving existing organizations a great opportunity to market themselves. Probably the coolest examples of the CGI's promotion abilities happened at last year's event with the Web site Kiva.org. Kiva's goal is to match microloan borrowers (usually seeking less than \$50) in areas like Africa, India and the Middle East with lenders residing in more industrialized regions...think Facebook-meets-eBay but with loans. Immediately after being featured at the CGI, Kiva's received thousands of new members and received even more attention by larger media outlets, which served to only

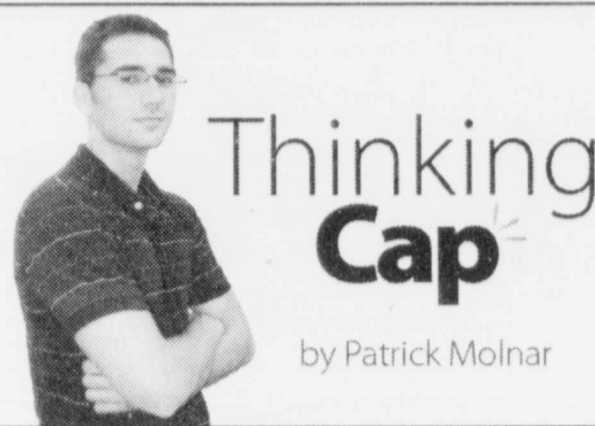
broaden their membership.

Granted, the CGI is not without its faults; most pressing is the need for more transparency in the fulfillment of pledges. However, the event is only in its third year and, as Jonathan Alter of Newsweek wrote, "Even if only a fraction of the pledges get fulfilled, CGI is way ahead of the game."

So what does this all mean? Is the CGI the panacea for all the world's largest problems? Of course not; we still need substantive government mandates and international accords that can mobilize millions of people and billions of dollars to combat global poverty, health and education issues.

Nevertheless, it's great to see a group of motivated people determined not to sit still and wait for world governments (especially our inept government) to come to its senses and really address these pressing global matters. By going straight to our society's greatest socio-economic leaders, programs like the CGI can continue to fill the gaps that will always exist between even the most comprehensive government policies and the real changes they have on the ground.

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## Manmade global warming? WRONG!

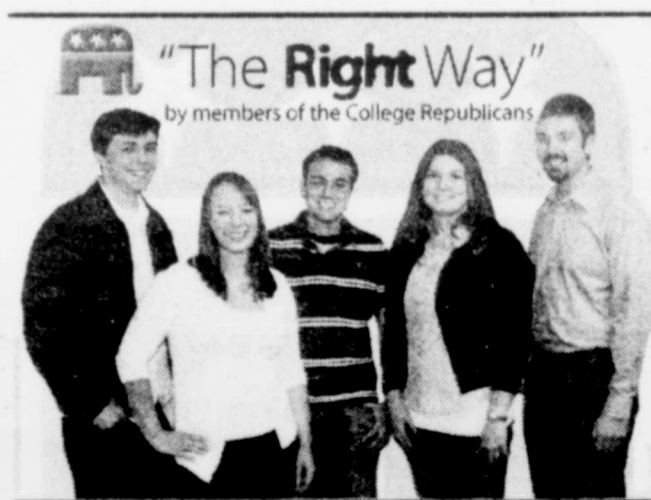
The greatest failure of science in our modern age is its lack of voice in the global warming debate. For years global warming has been shoved down our throats by green-interest groups, energy companies and Al Gore (yes, he gets his own category).

I would venture a guess to say that most people in America believe that global warming is the fault of mankind, but did you know that there are many scientists out there that disagree with this? More importantly, did you know there are many scientific facts that have surfaced to completely refute the theory of manmade global warming? I would guess that you didn't because environmentalists have shut down the debate. They have set up a state of fear, a "Green Inquisition," saying that anyone who confronts their religion of global warming is a heretic and must be in the pocket of oil companies.

Well, I am going to blow up this theory with something that the greens seem to have forgotten about: facts.

I could talk about the inaccuracy of surface-based temperature stations, which doesn't take into account the urban heat-island effect. I could point out the advance of glaciers that is occurring at the same time as the melting of glaciers. I could also talk about the pathetic Kyoto Treaty, sea levels, the lack of scientific consensus, weak hurricanes, developing countries or that manmade carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) makes up 0.28 percent of all greenhouse gases.

But instead I will keep it to the biggest



myth, which is the key to the manmade theory of global warming.

History has shown that CO<sub>2</sub> drives temperature: FALSE!

Historically, CO<sub>2</sub> has never been the driver of temperature. In fact, there is evidence that the opposite is true. According to a study done by the National Academy of Sciences, the "comparison with the geologic record of climatic variations reveals no obvious correspondence (between CO<sub>2</sub> and climate)." In fact, it goes on to show that the three highest peaks of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration occurred when the Earth was either partially or completely in a cool era. Therefore, the fundamental basis for the entire theory of manmade global warming is false.

Even forgetting this fact, recent history has proved this wrong as well. In fact, from the late 1940s through the '70s we had a cooling trend. This cooling trend was so severe that scientists

were worried about the next ice age. In fact, even as recently as 1992 we thought we had a new ice age on our hands. Newsweek reported that "the advent of a new ice age, scientists say, appears to be guaranteed. The devastation will be astonishing."

What could be causing the increase in temperature (though scientists debate that fact and whether it is even a bad thing) are the occurrence of natural weather cycles like El Nino and — most interesting to me — variations in the sun. A report done on the relationship between solar irradiance and temperature variations in the Arctic, undertaken by Willie Soon, astrophysicist with the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, showed that "temperature patterns show a strong correlation to the energy output of the sun."

Now I'm not scientist, but if solar irradiance is correlated to temperature and we have no effect on the sun, then I'm pretty sure it's the sun running the show. When you think about it, that giant ball of fire has been the cause of weather on our planet for the past 4.5 billion years, so it's really not that surprising.

There, now you have been educated. Next time someone tries to preach their global warming message to you, try not to punch them in the face, especially if it's your professor.

Taylor Scott is a business senior, a member of the Cal Poly College Republicans and a conservative columnist for the Mustang Daily.



EDITORIAL

# A small brush fire?

Around 11 a.m. on Tuesday, firefighters rushed to the scene of a fire on a Cal Poly hill. Those who hang around San Luis Obispo in the summer might not think this is anything unusual, since fires aren't that uncommon on the Cal Poly hills. In the second week of summer school, the use of illegal fireworks set the hill of the Poly "P" aflame, though the fire remained only in that area.

But Tuesday's fire blew too close to home. It rapidly spread from the hill behind the equine center to another hill and then to yet another hill — the last one being directly adjacent to Poly Canyon Village.

It was only at about 12:30 p.m. that the university sent any type of warning out to the students. University Housing notified all on-campus residents that "a small brush fire" was on campus. This small brush fire was more like tall flames that stopped students walking in their tracks. This "small brush fire" could be seen from most places on campus and if people weren't gawking at the flames, they certainly noticed the large billows of smoke. Cal Poly students all over campus documented the scene with their cell phones and cameras (check out mustangdaily.net to see our reader-submitted photos) and informed their friends of what took place on campus.

In short, this did not appear to be any "small brush fire." And students (only on-campus ones, mind you) were not informed until about an hour and a half after it started. They were told to contact a residence hall staff member should they have questions, but how much more would an R.A. know about the situation than any other student?

Think of the students who didn't have a computer in Cerro Vista, or the students on campus who weren't sent an e-mail — they would be clueless. After all, nearly 4,000 students live on campus; what about the 14,500 of us who don't?

Not much later at 1:20 p.m. when the flames are still on the move,

University Housing sent out another e-mail to these select students, which didn't tell them much more than what they already knew. These students were told the University Housing staff was monitoring the situation (what the hell does that mean?) before the five-line e-mail ended with "please be mindful of your health and safety."

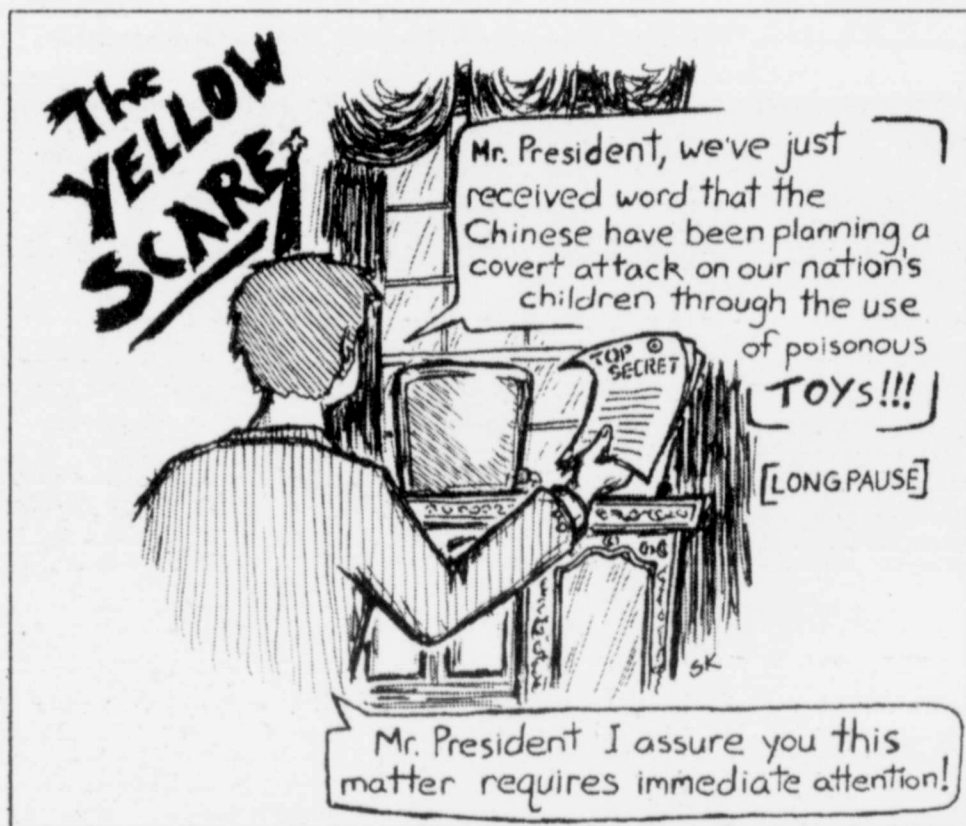
It's almost a little too reminiscent of the e-mail sent to students at Virginia Tech (an e-mail that was sent two hours after the first shooting) that ended with a simple "be cautious." Granted, a fire and a shooting are two very different things, but the way in which our university went about informing students of the matter at hand really was not much more responsible.

The final e-mail students received came at 3:15 p.m. — almost two hours since the last update. The fire, though not as powerful as before, was still present, but this last e-mail also told students nothing new and yet again, contained vague information. Not only that, but in order to find information, they were told to call 756-NEWS, which told them which roads and parking lots were closed. How does this affect students living on campus already??

So many questions can be drawn from this incident. Why was it University Housing who took responsibility for sending these e-mails? Why were only on-campus residents informed? Are there not hundreds, if not thousands, of students who park on campus every day? Students who park in the H-12, H-14 or H-16 parking lots were just as at risk to have their property destroyed as residents in the Cerro Vista apartments. How hard is it for the University Police Department or the Office of Student Affairs to notify ALL students of the situation at hand?

Instead, many students were left in the dark as a giant mushroom cloud hovered above. But after all, it was just "a small brush fire."

STAFF COMMENTARY



STEVE KRISTOFF MUSTANG DAILY

## Selling out on children's health

Whitney Diaz  
MUSTANG DAILY

With all of the massive toy recalls in the past few months as well as the Cub Scout badge recall due to lead paint on Thursday, one may begin to wonder when American companies are going to learn from their mistakes.

KSAT of San Antonio, Texas reported that several big-name companies have recalled hundreds of thousands of toys that contain lead paint and could be hazardous to children.

All of the pulled toys were made in China.

Are you shocked? Neither was I. Last week, RC2 Corp., the maker of "Thomas & Friends" toys, actually recalled "bonus gifts" sent to customers who returned some of the famous train toys after the com-

pany issued a first recall in June.

The bonus gifts were sent so customers would stay loyal, but this backfired when RC2 issued its second lead paint warning since June.

Where do you think the smiling trains were manufactured? If you guessed China, pat yourself on the back because you're right.

In the company's defense, merchandise made in China is much cheaper than products made in the United States.

We may love the price of inexpensive toys, high-end water bottles and Cub Scout badges (all of which have been recalled in one form or another by the Consumer Product Safety Commission).

But do low prices outweigh the costs? Small children can suffer brain damage or worse by ingesting even small amounts of lead; large doses can kill.

I don't have children, but I can sympa-

thize with those who do. Luckily, the Consumer Product Safety Commission is holding companies accountable for the products they release.

Let's face it, Chinese factories do not produce quality products. They do not meet U.S. standards and American companies and consumers need to realize this.

Companies save a few bucks in production but can lose millions after a product is recalled.

The issue shouldn't even be about the money, but unfortunately, that's what companies care about — the bottom line.

Some families are throwing away all RC2 toys and severing all ties with the company in hopes that it will do the same with China.

Maybe they're on to something.

Whitney Diaz is a journalism senior and a reporter for the Mustang Daily.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Response to column only perpetuates stereotype

Ms. Rogers, you are in need of a wake-up call. The fact that you consider six men beating a single man unconscious "a racially charged fight" is frightening. That's a fight? Really? I'd hate to be in a fight with you. Under those parameters, who knows how extreme the beating would have to be for you to consider it anything more than assault. I also seriously doubt you would be writing in the defense of these six men who are receiving such "unfair treatment" if they were white men.

Sadly, it is actually you who is disrespecting the entire black student population at Poly. I certainly don't look at any of my African-American peers and think that they are "thugs, punks, criminals or goons." It seems that you might, though, since you are writing in and perpetuating this so-called stereotype against black men.

When Ms. Gilmore used these terms, she was using them to describe six men who did act like "thugs, punks, criminals, and goons." Since one of them does have a very serious and extensive criminal record, I guess that behavior was nothing new for him. Obviously you are already well-versed in what is "in accordance with the law." That being the case, I sincerely hope that you don't mean to imply that a previously violent criminal record held by any man does not matter.

Christina Chiappe  
Social sciences senior

### Free speech for the shooting range

Lord Almighty, of course the shooting range has the right to advertise like any other business. And you have the God-given right to own as many guns as you want and go shooting with your family. I was merely hinting at the lack of tactfulness the Mustang Daily ad department shows by accepting the ad in the heyday of school shootings. And now I give up with a lesson learned. I can't explain to you why the ad shouldn't be in here if you can't see it. Maybe you'll get it when there is a shooting on this campus and it turns out the shooter learned to aim so well at the shooting range that advertised in the student newspaper.

Christine Haeussling  
Journalism senior

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## Polo

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tine Polo Association (basically said) "I will give you my horses to play if you guys want to come back," she said.

Although the quarterly dues of \$250 for beginners and \$450 for varsity players do drive some people away, Judge said it's very affordable in comparison to owning a horse. Also, the players get to ride all of the Central Coast Polo Club's 16 horses. The club provides helmets, boots, knee-pads and mallets, although most prefer to bring their own helmets and boots. The size of the mallet depends on the size of the horse and the height of the players.

"Collegiate (allows) a lot of people who wouldn't have the opportunity to play get to try it out," Cappe said.

Cappe is an exception in that

she owns three horses that she boards at the Central Coast Polo Club. One plays polo already, one is learning and one is ... a miniature?

"It's our mascot," Cappe said. "Her name is Poly Dolly."

The game consists of four chuk-kars, which are seven-and-a-half minutes each, and players can be substituted throughout the game. However, players will usually stay in if they have a good flow going, Judge said.

Thoroughbred horses are used for the sport and the rules stress taking care of them.

"The rules are to first, protect the horses, and second, protect the players," Judge said.

Cal Poly's club team is in the western region and competes against Stanford, USC, Santa Barbara City College, Westmont, UC Davis and Cuesta College. Last year they won regionals and placed fifth at Nationals.



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In polo, three players from each team play at a time. Each player wears a helmet, boots and knee guards.

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# Cal moves up in polls

Josh Dubow  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERKELEY, Calif.—As much as California coach Jeff Tedford might want to downplay the national rankings, his players admit they had a special interest in the developments around the country last weekend.

As soon as Southern California was upset by Stanford, the first thing many of the players did on their weekend off was check in on LSU.

If not for a late rally by the Tigers to beat Florida and preserve their No. 1 ranking, the Golden Bears

could've been in the top spot for the first time since 1951 this week.

"I'm not going to lie. I say rankings don't mean anything, but I was watching the USC game," linebacker Greg Van Hoesen said. "I was watching the ticker and I was very excited. It's great. It's fun. But I don't want to let that get in the way of what we have to do this week against Oregon State."

Cal (5-0, 2-0 Pac-10) has to settle for the No. 2 spot in the polls heading into Saturday's game against the Beavers (3-3, 1-2). The last time the Bears were ranked this high came in 1951 when they made it to the

top spot for one week before losing to USC.

Even so, Tedford isn't about to celebrate the accomplishment.

"It really makes no difference," he said. "It's no different for us whether we're two or six or three or 12 or whatever. It really doesn't matter until the end of the season what your ranking is. The target, the bull's-eye on us is there no matter what. Teams are going to come in and give you their best shot. You just know that's how it's going to be."

The Bears know there is plenty of time left for them to move that one spot or fall even further if they

don't heed the lessons learned by watching so many other highly ranked teams lose to unranked opponents.

Nine teams ranked in the top 10 of The Associated Press poll have already lost to unranked teams this season and Cal wants to avoid being No. 10 this week.

"I feel like even though we're No. 2 in the nation I have so many things to work on as a player," offensive lineman Mike Tepper said. "As a unit, the offensive line still has a lot of things to work on. So it's like, 'Yeah, we're No. 2 but imagine if we played to our potential. We'd be unstoppable.' We need to reach that potential so I'm not really worried about the rankings."

Cal's off week came at a perfect time, giving quarterback Nate Longshore and running back Justin Forsett the chance to recover from ankle injuries and receiver DeSean Jackson's sprained thumb to heal.

Longshore did not practice last week but is expected to play Saturday against the Beavers.

"Nate's throwing the ball," Tedford said. "We'll see how he progresses during the week."

Linebacker Zack Follett is also expected to return from a neck injury, which would give a big boost to the defense.

"The guys who have filled in have done a nice job, but Zack brings something special flying around the field and coming off the edge on the pass rush," Tedford said. "It's nice to see him back out there running around."

## Golf team totals 871 at invitational

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The Cal Poly men's golf team carded four golfers for a team total of 871 on 54 holes, finishing the Alister MacKenzie Invitational in the cellar of the 16-team competition Monday at the Meadow Club in Fairfax, Calif.

The Meadow Club course is a 6.69-yard, par-71 course with California hosting the tournament.

Freshman Jarod Knight and senior Brycen Wagner both finished in a three-way tie for 42nd and were the Mustang's top finishers.

Knight shot five-over in the first round but rebounded in the second and third rounds with a three-under and one-under, respectively.

Wagner shot four-under in his opening round of play but shot 73 and 74 in the final two rounds to finish with a 214.

No. 31 San Diego State won the tournament with a team score of 828. Louisville's Daryl Fathauer took the top honors in the individual competition, shooting 13-under to finish two strokes ahead of Todd Angel of Fresno State.

Junior Michael O'Brien and sophomore Geoff Gonzalez finished in 67th and 70th place respectively and were the other two scorers for the Mustangs.

The men's team will play its next tournament Oct. 21-23 at the Sycuan Collegiate Invitational in El Cajon, Calif.

## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

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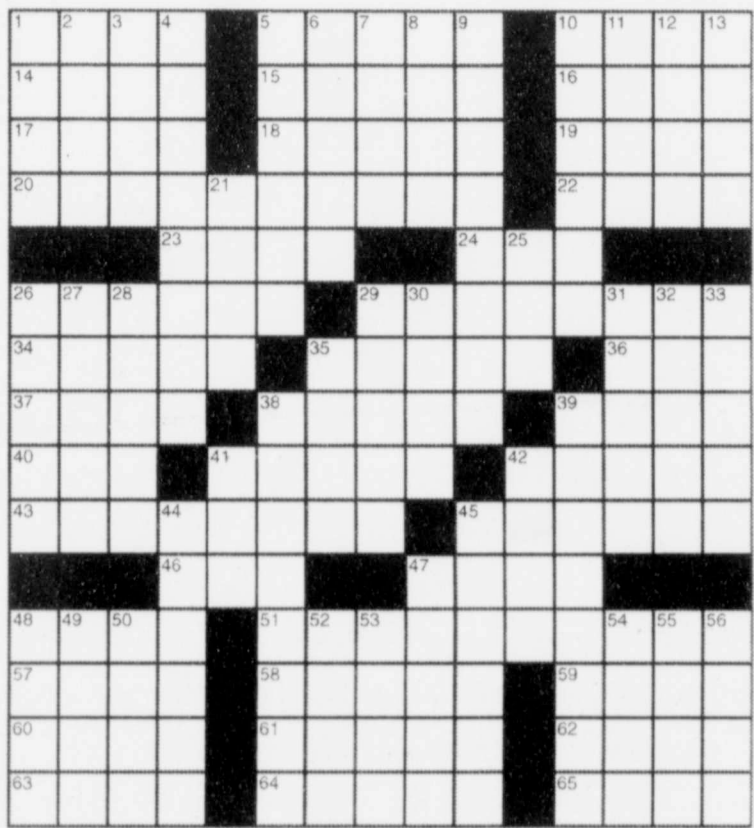
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## Ruck, scrum, tackle and run

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MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly Rugby Club has their eye on the ball this year, and they're ready to ruck, scrum, run, tackle, kick and maul to get it.

"I expect great things this year like I expect great things every year," said Gabe Escalera, club president and architectural engineering senior.

"I want us to go undefeated in the season. Last year we went 8-1, which was very close. This season I want the team to make it in the Final Four."

Cal Poly's rugby team was ranked sixth in the nation in the 2006-2007 season. They finished 8-1 in league play and 12-6 overall.

With their 2007-2008 pre-season now underway, the rugby team leaves on Oct. 25 for a tour in Utah and will play their first match against Brigham Young University, the team they lost to last year in the final playoff match to go to the Final Four.

"We're an a lot more experienced team this year...a lot of the freshmen guys have high school playing experience, which we're not used to," said Thomas Ramirez, first-team hooker and a forestry and natural resources senior.

"Everyone seems a lot more dedicated and serious," he explained, noting that most of the players also work out and train on their own outside of team practices.

"I think we'll be a lot better this year because of that higher level of dedication," he said.

"I'm pretty confident we can go undefeated this year," he continued. "We just need to step it up and beat that level. If we can do

that we can make it in the Final Four."

Rugby is a club sport at Cal Poly, but the intensity of games and the rigid practice regimen make it comparable to the level of competition of some intercollegiate sports. Players for this season were expected to begin their own power and aerobic training in the summer and were required to do a fitness test when practice began. They currently practice two to three days a week and spend another two to three early mornings purely on fitness exercises.

"We take this pretty seriously. We're a nationally ranked team, and we know what it takes to train at that level so that we can compete at a national level," said Ramirez.

Rugby is played with 15 players to a side and up to seven reserves. The first eight players are known as forwards, or the pack, and play in the scrum; the remaining seven players are the backs.

Positions are finalized on game day, but this season's proposed first-team squad for Cal Poly includes Escalera and Ramirez at the No. 1 looshead prop and No. 2 hooker positions respectively; No. 3 tighthead prop Craig Harter; No. 4 lock Kurt Puder; No. 5 lock Matt Bargman; No. 6 blind-side flanker Ryan Fry; No. 7 open-side flanker Ernesto Elenes; No. 8 eight man Alex Murchison; No. 9 scrum half Cam Mauritson; No. 10 fly half Doug Marshall; No. 11 left wing Joe Malm; No. 12 inside center Luke Counsil; No. 13. outside center Zach Hilton; No. 14. right wing Trenton Yackzan; and No. 15 fullback Chris Williams.

There's also a reserves and second-team squad that get the chance to compete.



GREG SMITH MUSTANG DAILY

Two members of the Cal Poly Rugby team practice. The club was ranked sixth in the nation in the 2006-2007 season, finishing with an 8-1 record in league play and 12-6 overall. The team's first home game will be on Nov. 17.

Escalera said he enjoys rugby because it's fast, competitive and requires him to be a well-rounded athlete.

"You have to do everything. There's no offensive or defensive;

you have to be able to rely on the person to your left and to your right to be there and do their job so that you can do yours too."

"With rugby, it's fast-paced and there's constant action," Ramirez

agreed. "When you're tackled, the play's not over; you're always in the game."

The rugby club's first home match will be against UC Davis on Nov. 17.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Cal Poly Polo Club team's coach Megan Judge has been playing polo for 15 years.

## 'Hockey on horseback'

Giana Magnoli  
MUSTANG DAILY

What has 36 legs, 12 arms, six mallets and a ball?

A game of polo. In a nutshell, polo is "hockey on horseback," said Megan Judge, coach of the women's Polo Club team and an ag business graduate student.

Three players from each team play at a time in a dirt or sand arena.

The Cal Poly women's Polo Club team practices and plays at the Central Coast Polo Club, which is located off Los Osos Valley Road.

There are currently about 20 beginner players and 10 varsity

players. There is a men's team, but there's about a 5-1 female players to male players ratio.

Although the team went to nationals last year, there's a common misconception that the women come in already knowing how to play.

"I get about 50 percent green non-riders," said Judge, who has been playing for 15 years. "Ninety-five percent of the people have never even played polo before."

Twin sophomores Karen and Kelly Shaw have been riding their entire lives but had no experience with polo when they signed up for the team, they said.

"In the past year they've gone from having no idea about polo to getting to play in Santa Barbara on

the grass fields," Judge said.

Even if the women are experienced riders, they often have to be taught how to ride for polo instead of their usual western or English style, Judge said.

Animal science junior Kate Cappe, the team's captain, just returned from a 10-day visit to Argentina. Intercollegiate coaches all over the country nominate players to go and Cappe was one of the four women chosen this year.

"Women don't play (polo) in Argentina," she said. "It's a very macho-man sport."

However, Cappe was invited back again for a December tournament.

"The president of the Argentine Polo, page 22